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LUSAKA AND GABORONE FOR ASST SECTY SCHAUFEELE

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTS ON OAU SUMMIT

1.ARRIVING IN DAKAR JULY 7 AFTER 16 DAY TRIP WHICH
TOOK HIM TO CANADA, FRANCE, MAURITIUS AND COMORO ISLANDS,
SENEGALESE PRESIDENTSENGHOR GAVE SOMBER ACCOUNT OF OAU
SUMMIT, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS " VERY DISTRESSING MORALLY."
HE NOTED THAT UNANIMOUS RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED ON SOTHERN
AFRICA WHERE " WARS OF INDEPENDENCE HAVE BEGUN, WITH COMBAT
IN NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFIRCA."
HOWEVER, WESTERN SAHARA, DJIBOUTI, COMORO ISLANDS,
ISRAELI RAID, AND SUDAN ATTEMPTED COUP WERE PROBLEMS WHICH
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THREATENED TO DIVIDE AFRICA. SENGHOR SAID CONTINENT WAS

GOING THROUGH " YEAR OF TENSION WHICH THREATENS TO DEGENERATE INTO CONFLICT. AS I SAID AT PORT LOUIS, THE WAR OF WESTERN SHAARA HAS ALREADY BEEN BEGUN BY POLISAIRO PROXIES (POLISAIRO INTERPOSEE)." SENGHOR SAID IF BENINESE RESOLUTION ON WESTERN SAHARA HAD BEEN ADOPTED, IT WOULD HAVE CONSTITUTED ENCOURAGEMENT OF WAR AND " OAU CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BROKEN APART (ECLATER)." HE SAID OAU " IN ITS WISDOM " HAD DECIDED TO CONVOKE EXTORARDIARY SUMMIT TO DEAL WITH THIS " EXTREMELTY GRAVE PROBLEM."

2. SENGHOR SAW IN PRESENCE OF ONLY EIGHT CHIEFS OF STATE AT PORT LOUIS EVIDENCE THAT TENSIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH WHICH AFRICA IS CONFRONTED HAVE PROVOKED " DISENCHANEMENT" AND " CONFUSION" AMONG AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. NOTING THAT MINISTERS DID NOT HAVE DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY NECESSARY FOR THEM TO REPLACE CHIEFS OF STATE AT OAU SUMMIT, SENGHOR HOPED FOR ATTENDANCE BY MORE OF HIS COUNTERPARTS AT FUTURE MEETINS AND CALLED ON AFRICANS TO STRIVE TO REUNITE.

3. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT PUBLISHED HERE, DURING MORONI STOP SENGHOR CALLED EFFORTS TO SEPARATE MAYOTTE FROM COMORAN ISLANDS CONTRADICATORY TO OAUS POSITION AND TO OAU CHARTER ITSELF. HE SAID SENEGAL WOLD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSIST COMORANS, "SINCE WE REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS EVERYWHERE WHERE WE HAVE AN EMBASSY." SHENGHOR NOTED THAT SENEGAL WAS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY OAU TO EXERCISE GOOD OFFICES BETWEEN COMOROS AND FRANCE, ABD PLEDGED TO CONTINUE HIS PERSONAL EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTION TO MAYOTTE PROBLEM.

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